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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Delete Fig. 9.

Add substitute Figs. 1-3.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 19, 21, 22, 28, and 30 such that they read as follows:

19. (Twice Amended) A slicer comprising:

- a slicer body having an anchor component;
- a rotatable blade coupled to said slicer body;
- a reciprocal tray for bringing a food product into and out of contact with said

blade;

- a motor for driving said blade, said motor being pivotable and having an output pulley operatively connected to said blade; and

- a belt tensioning device for said motor such that a belt passed around said output pulley is tightenable to a predetermined tension, the belt tensioning device including a threaded rod operatively coupled to said motor, said rod being located adjacent said anchor component, a nut threaded onto said threaded rod, a spring located adjacent said nut that exerts a reactive force against said nut when said nut is threaded in a first direction along said rod to cause said motor to pivot, and a spacer which interacts with said nut and said anchor component to limit advancement of said nut in said first direction, and wherein said anchor component remains fixed when said motor pivots.

21. (Twice Amended) A slicer comprising:

- a slicer body having an anchor component;
- a rotatable blade coupled to said slicer body;

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a reciprocal tray for bringing a food product into and out of contact with said blade;  
a motor for driving said blade, said motor being pivotable and having an output pulley  
operatively connected to said blade; and

a belt tensioning device for said motor such that a belt passed around said output pulley is  
tightenable to a predetermined tension, the belt tensioning device including a rod operatively  
coupled to said pulley, a member coupled to and movable along said rod, a spring that exerts a  
reactive force against said member when said member is moved in a first direction along said  
rod, and a spacer which interacts with said member and said anchor component to limit  
advancement of said member in said first direction, and wherein said anchor component remains  
fixed when said motor pivots.

22. (Amended) A slicer comprising:

a slicer body;  
a rotatable blade coupled to said slicer body;  
a reciprocal tray for bringing a food product into and out of contact with said blade;  
a motor for driving said blade, said motor being pivotable and having an output pulley  
operatively connected to said blade; and

a belt tensioning device for said motor such that a belt passed around said output pulley is  
tightenable to a predetermined tension, the belt tensioning device including a rod, an arm  
operatively coupled to said pulley, said arm being movable along said rod, a spring that exerts a  
reactive force against said arm when said arm is moved in a first direction along said rod, and a  
spacer which interacts with said arm to limit advancement of said arm in said first direction.

28. (Amended) A slicer comprising:

a slicer body;  
a rotatable blade coupled to said slicer body;  
a reciprocal tray for bringing a food product into and out of contact with said blade;  
a motor for driving said blade, said motor being pivotable and having an output pulley